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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE ON RACISM

1. IN A MEETING WITH THE CHARGE AUGUST 10, MFA
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (RUTTEN) RAISED
THE QUESTION OF COORDINATION REGARDING THE MEETING OF THE
UN COMMITTEE ON RACISM SCHEDULED FOR GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER
PRIOR TO THE UNGA. HE SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE
DUTCH COULD BE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE
U.S. DELEGATION; HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
WHETHER OUR DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS--AN INDICATION, HE SAID, OF THE SERIOUSNESS
WITH WHICH THE U.S. IS APPROACHING THE MEETING.

2. RUTTEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT, IN PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE MEETING, THE EC-9 HAD REACHED,
THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A WALK-
OUT IF THE RESOLUTION LINKING ZIONISM AND RACISM IS
RAISED. A FINAL DECISION REGARDING SUCH A WALK-OUT
WOULD ONLY BE MADE ON THE SPOT IN GENEVA. IN
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RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, RUTTEN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW
SOLID THE NINE WOULD REMAIN ON A WALK-OUT IF THE CRUNCH
CAME. IN ANY CASE, HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY WE WOULD
WISH TO CONSULT WITH THE EUROPEANS REGARDING IMPLICATIONS
FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA IF THE ZIONISM/
RACISM RESOLUTION RESURFACED.

3. WE SAID WE ASSUMED THE GENEVA MEETING AND ITS
RAMIFICATIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN OURSELVES AND
THE GERMANS AS EC PRESIDENT, BUT PROMISED WE WOULD
SEEK GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE
APPRECIATION IF WE COULD BE PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT
THE U.S. DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER COMMENTS THE
DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO MAKE TO THE DUTCH.
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